



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

First Named
Inventor : Jean L. Westby et al.

Appln. No. : 10/714,478

Filed : November 13, 2003

For : METHOD AND APPARATUS TO
REDUCE SERIAL
COMMUNICATIONS PATH
CONNECTION OVERHEAD

Docket No.: S104.12-0060

Group Art Unit: 2116

Examiner: Thuan N. Du

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Express Mail No. EV464738934US
Date of Deposit: March 1, 2005

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The patents or publications listed on the enclosed PTO Form-1449 are submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97. Copies of the patents or publications cited are enclosed, except as waived by the Official Gazette notice of August 5, 2003 regarding copies of U.S. Patents and Published Applications.

This application is a reissue of U.S. Patent No. 6,317,800. References listed on the enclosed PTO Form 1449 were submitted to and/or cited by the Office in the original application and copies are therefore not required to be provided herewith under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

LIST REFERENCES NOT SUBMITTED

TIME OF FILING

The information disclosure statement is being filed:

1. ____ with the application or within three months of the filing date of the application or date of entry into the national stage of an international application or before the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits, whichever event occurs last. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no statement or

fee is required.

2. after the time period specified in paragraph 1 above, but before the mailing date of a final action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113 or notice of allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311. Therefore, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), submitted herewith is:

(check either A or B below)

- A. a statement as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e).
B. the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) for submission of an information disclosure statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c).

3. after the mailing date of either a final action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113 or a notice of allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311, whichever occurs first, but before payment of the issue fee. Therefore, Applicant petitions for consideration and submits herewith:

- A. a statement as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e);
B. the petition fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).

STATEMENT

(only used if No. 2(A) or No. 3 above is checked)

The person(s) signing below certify

(check appropriate paragraph)

- that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement. 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1).

OR

- that no item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the knowledge of the person signing the

certification after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement. 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) (2).

METHOD OF PAYMENT

 No fee is required.

X Attached is a check in the amount of \$ 180.00.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123. A duplicate copy of this communication is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

WESTMAN, CHAMPLIN & KELLY, P.A.

By:


Joseph R. Kelly, Reg. No. 34,847
Suite 1600 - International Centre
900 Second Avenue South
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402-3319
Phone: (612) 334-3222
Fax: (612) 334-3312

JRK:slg



FORM PTO-1449	Atty. Docket No.: S104.12-0060	Appl. No.: 10/714,478
LIST OF PATENTS AND PUBLICATIONS FOR APPLICANT'S INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT	First Named Inventor:	
	Judy Lynn Westby	
	Filing Date November 13, 2003	Group Art: 2116

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initial	Document No.	Date	Name	Class	Sub Class	Filing Date If Appropriate
AA	4,486,739	12/1984	Franazek et al.	340	347	
AB	4,819,229	4/1989	Pritty et al.	370	89	
AC	5,168,568	12/1992	Thayer et al.	710	125	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		Document No.	Date	Country	Class	Sub Class	Translation Yes No
		07028746	1/1995	Japan			

OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

AD	"Fibre, Channel, Arbitrated Loop (FC-AL), REV 4.5", American National Standard for Information Technology draft proposed, ANSI X3.272-199 X, (June 1, 1995).
AE	"Fibre, Channel, Arbitrated Loop (FC-AL-2), REV 6.3", American National Standard for Information Technology draft proposed, ANSI X3.XXX-199 X, (May 29, 1998).
AF	"Fibre, Channel, Physical and Signaling Interface (FC-PH), REV 4.3", American National Standard for Information Systems draft, ANSI X3.230-199X, (Jun. 1. 1994)
AG	"Information Systems-dpANS Fibre Channel Protocol for SCSI", American National Standard-draft proposed, X3.269-199X revision 12, (Dec. 4, 1995).
AH	Georgiou, J.J., et al. "Scalable Protocol Engine for High-Bandwidth Communications", IEEE pp. 1121-1126, (1997).

EXAMINER:

DATE CONSIDERED:

EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

FORM PTO-1449	Atty. Docket No.: S104.12-0060	Appl. No.: 10/714,478
LIST OF PATENTS AND PUBLICATIONS FOR APPLICANT'S INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT	First Named Inventor:	
	Judy Lynn Westby	
	Filing Date November 13, 2003	Group Art: 2116

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initial	Document No.	Date	Name	Class	Sub Class	Filing Date If Appropriate
BA	5,260,933	11/1993	Rouse	370	14	
BB	5,535,035	7/1996	DeFoster et al.	359	161	
BC	5,598,541	1/1997	Malladi	395	286	
BD	5,671,425	4/1997	Anderson	371	10.2	
BE	5,619,497	4/1997	Gallagher et al.	370	394	
BF	5,619,647	4/1997	Jardine	709	240	
BG	5,638,518	6/1997	Malladi	395	200.21	
BH	5,663,724	9/1997	Westby	341	59	
BI	5,694,615	12/1997	Thapar et al.	395	822	
BJ	5,758,081	5/1998	Aytac	395	200.41	
BK	5,761,534	6/1998	Lundberg et al.	395	870	
BL	5,761,705	6/1998	DeKoning et al.	711	113	
BM	5,764,931	6/1998	Schmahl et al.	395	287	
BN	5,764,972	6/1998	Crouse et al.	395	601	
BO	5,768,530	6/1998	Sandorfi	395	200.63	
BP	5,768,623	6/1998	Judd et al.	395	857	

EXAMINER:

DATE CONSIDERED:

EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

FORM PTO-1449	Atty. Docket No.: S104.12-0060	Appl. No.: 10/714,478
LIST OF PATENTS AND PUBLICATIONS FOR APPLICANT'S INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT	First Named Inventor:	
	Judy Lynn Westby	
	Filing Date November 13, 2003	Group Art: 2116

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initial	Document No.	Date	Name	Class	Sub Class	Filing Date If Appropriate
CA	5,778,426	7/1998	DeKoning et al.	711	122	
CB	5,781,801	7/1998	Flanagan et al.	395	876	
CC	5,787,242	7/1998	DeKoning et al.	395	182.03	
CD	5,787,450	7/1998	Diedrich et al.	707	513	
CE	5,790,733	8/1998	DeKoning et al.	395	182.04	
CF	5,790,792	8/1998	Dudgeon et al.	395	200.42	
CG	5,802,080	9/1998	Westby	371	53	
CH	5,805,788	9/1998	Johnson	395	182.04	
CI	5,805,920	9/1998	Sprengle et al.	395	821	
CJ	5,807,261	9/1998	Benaron et al.	600	473	
CK	5,809,328	9/1998	Nogales et al.	395	825	
CL	5,812,564	9/1998	Bonke et al.	371	40.1	
CM	5,812,754	9/1998	Lui et al.	395	182.04	
CN	5,815,662	9/1998	Ong	395	200.47	
CO	5,819,054	10/1998	Ninomiya et al.	395	308	
CP	5,819,111	10/1998	Davies et al.	710	29	
CQ	5,822,143	10/1998	Cloke et al.	360	65	
CR	5,822,782	10/1998	Humlincek et al.	711	170	
CS	5,901,280	5/1999	Mizuno et al.	395	182.04	
CT	5,930,483	7/1999	Cummings et al.	710	107	
CU	6,012,128	1/2000	Birns et al.	711	163	

EXAMINER:

DATE CONSIDERED:

EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.